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POST CARD MATTERS

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Hi Guys

Colin's appeal to our membership has generated the following product. Hope you like it.

We keep trying to improve the quality of the images. Let us know what you think. Send us some more cards or good photocopies with a brief note about them. We'll do the rest.

Another newsletter will be forth coming, when we receive more articles.

Thanks and have a very Merry Christmas and Healthful New Year.

Don and Louise

Doug Bates

I purchased this card recently in Ontario at a show because of its "Canadian" theme.

Research has found the date to be 1902/06. I know little else about the "Canadian" connection.

Can anyone help?

On Back of Card

S.S. GIMBLETT,

Photographer,

TAVISTOCK.

m/s "an English

Crowd".

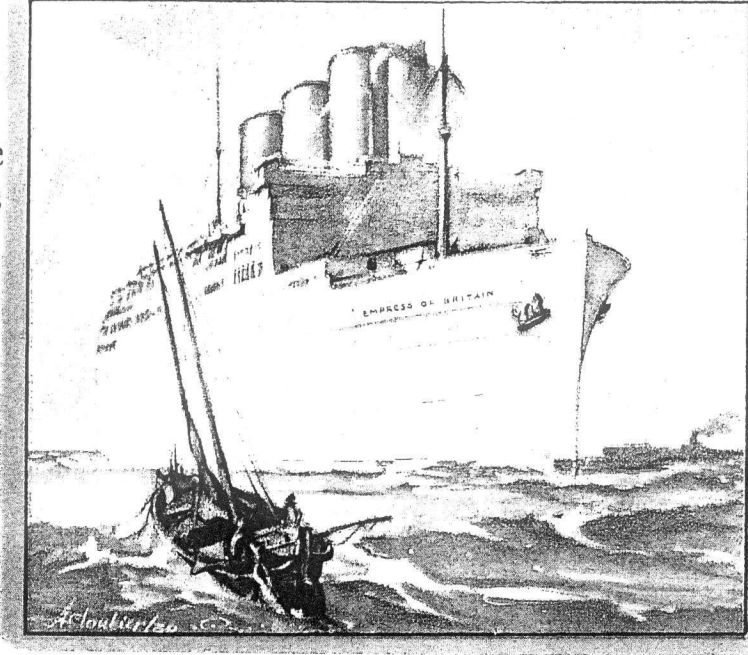


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THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN J.C. Campbell

This card was written and postmarked prior to the MAIDEN VOYAGE which was May 27, 1931. My uncle worked for the C.P.R. at this time so probably was given the card before the general public was to receive them.

The Empress of Britain has a displacement of 40,000 tons. She was capable of 24 knots which was quite superb for a ship of her size. Overall length was 755 feet.



The New
**EMPRESS
OF
BRITAIN**

40,000 TONS
in service 1931, will make the Atlantic crossing between Quebec and Southampton - Cherbourg inside five days. With elaborate sports - deck, luxurious Public Rooms and State - Rooms. The new White Empress will introduce new standards of comfort and pleasure afloat.
Speed 24 knots
Length 755 feet
Breadth 97½ feet
Designed for service on the St. Lawrence seaway to and from Europe.



The writer sailed to England in her, leaving Canada October 22, 1938.

On October 26, 1940, off the coast of Ireland, she was bombed by German Aircraft then torpedoed the next day by German U-Boat 32.

Two days later U-32 was sunk by HMS Harvester, a Royal Navy ship.

The RPO cancel is 0-192, a type 17, dated De 12 30/.

Do write to me soon.
PRIVATE POST CARD

11.12.30

*How is this for a
fine big liner?
Would you rather
cross the Atlantic
in the little boat?*

With love

*Auntie hello -
we have just left*



*J. Colin Campbell,
135, Britannia Avenue
Selkirk,
Man.*

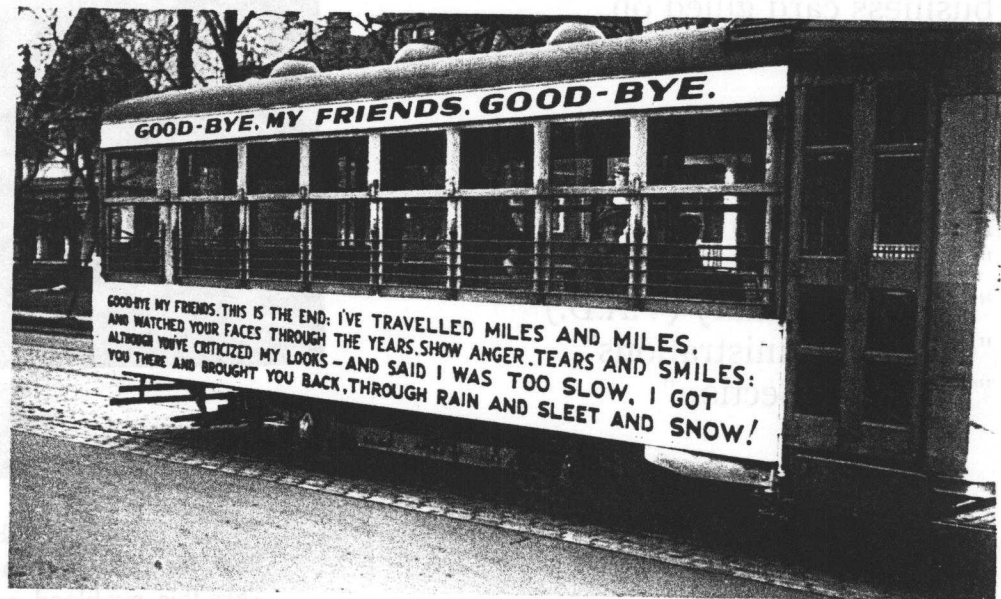
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HALIFAX 1949- Doug Murray

These two cards are real photos of Halifax in 1949. They show a decorated tram with a farewell message. This car or cars were probably going out of service for one reason or another.

Canadian real photo cards showing this or similar views are very rare indeed.

Doug writes "I barely remember the trams".



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CANADIAN RED CROSS POSTCARDS- Wayne R. Curtis

The following cards from my collection show W.W.II scenes with nurses working for the Canadian Red Cross on the war effort. Archibald Bruce Stapleton, designer of the cards, born 1910, Stratford, Ont. was a member of the Ontario Society of Artists and exhibited with them from 1943-1947. As of 1950 he was still in Toronto.

The Canadian Red Cross, Ont. Division Bulletin no. 38 (dec. 1942) includes the following extract.

"Publicity Committee.... The Chairman spoke of the Red Cross calendars Christmas cards and post cards, now in the hands of the Branches. Proceeds of the sale of these items, which bear reproductions of fine oil paintings by Bruce Stapleton, will help pay for Red Cross prisoners of war parcels."

This is the only card I have seen of this "THEY NEVER FAIL YOU" with a poem. The bottom third of the image has a small business card glued on. Has anyone seen another? Or similar?

Titles of the 4 cards known are:
"Blue Smock"
"Nursing Auxillary (V.A.D.)"
"Office Administrations"
"Transport Section"

They appear with plain or blood donor service backs used between 1944 and 1945.

THEY NEVER FAIL YOU



So little is this pint of blood to give,
That, far away, a dying man might live;
Take this, my blood, and know a part of me
Has gone to war to keep my homeland free.

DORIS LYON STINSON.